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ROCKFORD FEDERAL JURY FINDS FORMER DEKALB TAX PREPARER GUILTY OF DEFRAUDING CLIENT OF \$44,246.44

ROCKFORD -- PATRICK J. FITZGERALD, United States Attorney for the Northern District of Illinois, and PETER McCONNEY Special Agent in Charge of the Treasury Department's Chicago Field Division Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, today made the following announcement:

ROBERT A. KUZLIK, 40, formerly of DeKalb, Illinois, was found guilty today in federal court of 8 counts of mail fraud for having engaged in a scheme to defraud a client of his business, RAK Enterprises, Inc., which did business as Executive Tax and Business Services and had offices in DeKalb, Illinois. The scheme resulted in the embezzlement of \$44,246.44 from his client between December 1999 and September 2000. The jury's verdict followed a three day trial. KUZLIK had been indicted on March 29, 2005.

The indictment alleged that KUZLIK, an officer and majority owner of RAK Enterprises, Inc. ("RAK"), caused a client to use the U.S. Postal Service to mail checks to RAK. The checks represented funds withheld by the client from its employees' wages, and employment taxes owed by the client. According to the indictment, KUZLIK had promised to deposit the checks into a bank trust account for delivery to the IRS. The indictment further alleged that instead of depositing the client's checks into a bank trust account for payment to the IRS, KUZLIK deposited thirteen of the checks into RAK's bank account, thereby embezzling approximately \$44,246.44 from the client.

U.S. District Court Judge Philip G. Reinhard set sentencing of KUZLIK for December 9, 2005 at 10:30 A.M. Each count of mail fraud carries a maximum penalty of five years of imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000. The actual sentence will be determined by the United States District Court, guided by the federal Sentencing Guidelines and the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

The case was investigated by Special Agents of the Treasury Department's Office of the Inspector General for Tax Administration, with assistance from the DeKalb Police Department.

The case is being prosecuted in United States District Court in Rockford by Assistant United States Attorneys Michael D. Love and Scott A. Verseman.

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